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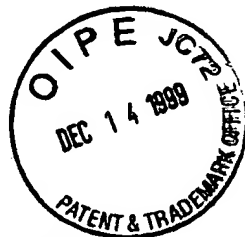
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In re U.S. Patent Application of
Donald Martin Monroe

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For Image Compression



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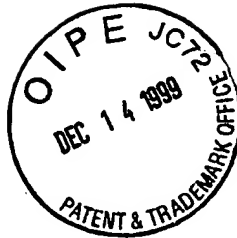
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